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SUBJ: MONEDERO SETS FORTH DETAILS OF HIS CAPTIVITY

REF SAN SALVADOR 4636

1. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SETEMBER 4, ARMANDO TOMAS MONEDERO, RELEASED BY HIS KIDNAPPERS ON SEPTEMBER 1 (SEE REFTTEL), SET FORTH SOME DETAILS ABOUT HIS TWENTY-TWO DAYS OF CAPTIVITY. HE SAID THAT UPON BEING ABDUCTED BY HIS CAPTORS ON AUGUST 10, A HOOD HAD BEEN PLACED OVER HIS HEAD AND HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN OFF UNTIL HE REACHED THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS HELD DURING THE WHOLE PERIOD OF HIS CAPTIVITY. MONEDERO DESCRIBED THE PLACE AS BEING AN ADOBE HOUSE WHERE SUN LIGHT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN GUARDED BY SEVERAL MEN WEARING MASKS.

2. MONEDERO STATED THAT HE WAS NOT MISTREATED BY HIS CAPTORS AND WAS OFTEN SHOWN NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBING HIS  
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CASE. HE SAID THAT ON THE DAY OF HIS RELEASE, ANOTHER HOOD HAD BEEN PLACED OVER HIS HEAD BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN FROM THE ADOBE HOUSE. MONEDERO ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN SET FREE AT APPROXIMATELY 10:15 A.M., NEAR HIS HOUSE IN SANTA ANA.

3. AT THIE PRESS CONFERENCE, MONEDERO ANNOUNCED HIS

"DEFINITIVE" RETIREMENT FROM POLITICS, ADDING THAT HE WOULD DEVOTE HIMSELF TO HIS FAMILY, WORK, AND HIS INTEREST IN SPORTS. HE SAID HE WOULD, WITHIN HIS MEANS, HELP OUT FINANCIALLY THE FAMILY OF JOSE BRUNO DIAZ, THE DRIVER KILLED DURING HIS ABDUCTION ON AUGUST 10.

4. IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 1, THE LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE (ERP) STATED THEY RECOGNIZED THE INABILITY OF MONEDERO FAMILY, DUE TO AUGUST 24 GOES COMMUNIQUE, TO COMPLY WITH ITS DEMAND THAT ADS CONTAINING ERP MANIFESTOS BE PLACED IN DAILY NEWS-PAPERS AND THAT ERP PROCLAMATIONS BE BROADCAST OVER VARIOUS RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS (SAN SALVADOR 4542). HOWEVER, ERP SAID THAT BY WAY OF PARTIALLY COMPLYING WITH DEMAND, MONEDERO FAMILY HAD ARRANGED FOR 20,000 ERP LEAFLETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG SPECTATORS AT SOCCER GAME HELD IN SANTA ANA STADIUM ON AUGUST 30 AND FOR ERP FLAGS AND BANNERS TO BE DISPLAYED AT STADIUM. DATT HAS OBTAINED COPY OF ONE OF LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED AND WILL POUCH IT TO SALVADORAN DESK. DEVINE

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